

West Hartford Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Date: January 27, 2014

Time: 5:30 pm.

Place: Room 217, Town Hall

Board Members Present:

Bruce Whitney, Mandy Pike, Mike Esernia, Chris Bennett, Sarah Needham

Board Members Absent:

David DeBassio, Lynne Tapper, John Zinn

Others Present:

Marc Blanchard, Leisure Services Manager

1. Goodrich Soccer Complex & Miracle League Restroom/Concessions
Project has been re-bid. Plans moving forward would be to begin construction at Goodrich in Spring 2014 and The Miracle Field in the Fall of 2014.
2. Fernridge Park Master Plan
The Friends of Fern, the town and Peter Menutti have put together a long range plan for Fernridge Park. A public neighborhood meeting will be scheduled in March at Braeburn Elementary School.
3. Feast on the Farm -Spring
There has been some beginning talk about a possible Feast in the Spring 2014.
4. Accessibility in Parks
A list of projects to address accessibility was shared. Chris Bennett expressed concern that the town may look to consider pathways at Goodrich and Sterling that would allow wheelchair access to the sidelines of the fields..
5. Upcoming Anniversaries-50th JFK Park and 35th ECC
The town has two important anniversaries this year. Kennedy park turns 50 and Elmwood Community Center celebrates its 35th anniversary. Special events are being planned to celebrate these milestones.
6. Dog Park Update
Troutbrook Road site is still being discussed by Town officials
7. Proposed Meeting Dates and possible site visits
The Board decided to meet at Beachland Park on April 28 5:45pm for a site visit.
8. Other Business:
The Park Advisory Board currently has two vacancies. We are awaiting appointments from the Town Council.

Meeting adjourned 6:35 PM